GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Hiking Hardship Pay
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is considering hiking hardship pay for its officials posted in various troubled countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the countries pay up to 35 per cent extra salary based on the hardships its employees face on account of safety, isolation, housing, climate and local inflation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India has set ceiling of 35 percent of the foreign allowance as determined by UN indices for that country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (f) Hardship allowance is currently given to Government of India officials posted in extremely dangerous places affected by war/civil unrest/terrorist attacks. These are non-family stations where personnel are at risk and medical facilities are very poor. The allowances at these places are fixed and reviewed by the Government periodically.